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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, Assistant Principals, CTE Directors, Teachers,
School Board Chairpersons
FROM: Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE)
SUBJECT: Survey for Assessing Attitudes towards the Interstate Agreement (Reciprocity)
DATE: 04/20/15

The VSBPE is currently in the process of updating our NASDTEC Interstate Agreement conditions (which many refer to as reciprocity).

Please take a few moments to complete our survey regarding the VT Interstate Agreement:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3JD39N> *Please complete by Thursday, April 30, 2015*

For questions regarding this survey and/or how the information will be used; please contact Debi Price, Director of Educator Quality at debora.price@state.vt.us or (802)479-1701.

What is NASDTEC?

NASDTEC is the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. It is the organization that represents professional standards boards and commissions and state departments of education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Dept. of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Territories, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario that are responsible for the preparation, licensure, and discipline of educational personnel.

NASDTEC promotes:

- High standards for educators
- Teacher mobility across state lines
- Comprehensive personnel screening
- Clearinghouse on teacher discipline

The purpose of this Association, which was founded in 1928, is to exercise leadership in matters related to the preparation and certification of professional school personnel.

What is the Interstate Agreement (Reciprocity)?

Under certain conditions an applicant for VT Educator Licensure who has successfully completed a state-approved educator preparation program in a state with which Vermont has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement or who holds a professional license in a state with which Vermont has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement shall be issued a comparable license and/or endorsement in Vermont.

The interstate agreement, arranged by NASDTEC, is a collection of over 50 individual agreements by states and Canadian provinces. Each individual "agreement" is a statement by

that state or jurisdiction outlining which other states' educator certificates will be accepted by that state. Specifically the agreement outlines which particular types of educator certificates (teachers, administrators, service personnel, or career/technical), and which particular styles of certifications (titles, fields, etc.) will be accepted.

Such an "acceptance" agreement means that the "receiving" state will issue some form of authorization allowing the inbound certificate holder to legally teach or provide service in the receiving state, provided the license issued by the "sending" state is acceptable under the agreement. This authorization may be limited in time by the receiving state, and the receiving state may impose additional requirements which need to be accomplished before the educator can teach or practice after the end of the time limit.

Source: [NASDTEC General Information Page](#) & [NASDTEC Interstate Agreement Page](#)